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Sunday 10th September 2006
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Christ is the Light

8am Eucharist
10am Eucharist, Gospel Service
The service begins on page 119 of the Green Prayer book

Readings:

- Isaiah 2:1-5
- Psalm 150
- 1 John 1:1-7
- John 1:1-14

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes
10am Hymns: in the service booklet
Choir: "In the Mood"

Food for food parcels may be placed in the basket! With thanks!

Dear Everyone,

Firstly a very big thankyou to the Rev'd Jeannette McHugh who is presiding and preaching today. Ashton Robinson, Sarah Gowty, Brian McKinlay and myself are attending synod this weekend in Goulburn. I am very sorry to be missing the Gospel Service today, which I am sure will be wonderful. Many thanks to "In the Mood" and my thanks to Pat and Colin Forbes for all their effort and continued passion for great liturgical music.

And now back to reflections on our vision statement…

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The second half of our vision statement begins by articulating what we see as an integral element of a Christian community — honouring and embracing difference. In Richard the Second Shakespeare writes. "Mine honour is my life, both grow in one. Take honour from me, and my life is done. Then, dear my liege, mine honour let me try., In that I live, and for that I will die." Honour is an old word that conjures up visions of knights and heroic deeds, of standing for something against insult and injury. Once upon-a-time honour figured largely as a guiding principle of society, functioning as part of a code of honour.

The honour of one's family or of one's beloved was an all-important issue. Some cultures are still very much embedded with the notion of honour. In our context I think there are some differences and similarities with the older understanding of honour.

Honour may be defined as the deferential recognition by word or sign of another's worth or station. When we honour another person we express in words or deeds that we respect them and we value them very highly. We find ways to express to them our sense of their worth. Many of its would have made a promise that we would honour our partners when we married them.

Our vision statement declares that we strive to be a community that honours "difference".

It is a quality that we wish to honour, a quality that human beings express. The honour we express in this context is about the

deference and respect we show to another human being — a person not like us, different from who we think we are and what we embody.

Part of honouring difference is also to stand up for people who are different, who don't fit into the normal mold or set of standard expectations. We can stand tip for difference and diversity by not only welcoming those who are "not like us" but also finding ways to show honour and respect for others in all we do and say.

Finally — as a Christian community we are primarily called to give honour to God. As we say at the end of the Eucharistic prayer, "blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever". If we do indeed give honour to God, the creator of a rainbow of diversity, then we cannot but help give honour to difference.

Peace and Blessings.
Rebecca Newland

ONE HAS HONOR IF HE HOLDS HIMSELF TO AN IDEAL OF CONDUCT THOUGH IT IS INCONVENIENT, UNPROFITABLE, OR DANGEROUS TO DO SO — Waiter Lippman

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Notices

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Child Protection Workshops
St Peter's Anglican Church, 14 Backler Place, Weston
Tuesday the 16th September, 9.45am to 4pm. If you still need to do the

Diocesan mandatory child protection workshop please consider putting the above workshop in your diary. The parish will cover the cost of the workshop and if you need a baby sitter please contact Rebecca to arrange some help.

Men's Breakfast 8.00 am Saturday 30th of September
Speaker: Rev Barry May
W.A's first full time police chaplain will talk about his experience as an Anglican priest in the force. St. Barnabas' Church Charnwood.

Integrity for living — Retreat in Daily Life
Facilitated by the Rev Sue Pain. Please see notice board for pamphlet

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Those who mourn: Denise and family of Beryl Collins.
The Departed: Beryl Collins, Athol Horace Barratt d.9/9/04

The Saints: Mother EstherCHN, founder of the Community of the Holy Name (Melbourne) d. 1931; Cyprian of Carthage, bishop and martyr, d 258; John Oliver Feetham, bishop, bush brother, d 1947; Ninian of Galloway bishop and missionary, d 432
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- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open —Fiona Dyer

SUNDAY 17th September 2006
8.00am & 10.00am Eucharist

Readings:

- Proverbs 1:20-33
- Psalm 19
- James 2:18-26
- Mark 8:27-38

Rosters:
Cleaning: Shane & Tim Woodburn
Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins
8am:
Sidespersons: Volunteer
Readers: Shane Woodburn
10am:
Sidespersons: Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson
Readers: 1st Brian McKinlay, 2nd Ann Munro
Children's Ministry: Stephen & Rebecca palethorpe

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Morning Tea: [??? **VOLUNTEERS???**Genevieve Hassall & Margaret Woodbridge]

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Synod reports, the Bishop's Synod Charge, Synod Sermon and bible study are available at:
http://www.canberragoulburn.anglican.org/HTML/publications/SYNOD/2006/syno

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8am Eucharist
10am Eucharist
The service begins on page 119 of the Green Prayer book

Readings:

- Proverbs 1:20-33
- Psalm 19
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Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes
10am Hymns: TIS 156, 450, 526, 351
Psalm soloist: Rev'd Linda Anchell

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Dear Everyone,

The Synod Sarah Gowty, Brian McKinlay and I attended last weekend in Goulburn was a celebratory affair with an emphasis on wellbeing. There were a couple of very significant motions passed including two on the Middle East and one on Diversity in the Anglican Church. Ashton Robinson is going to give a short report about synod for us all. However below is the text of an email sent from central office last week about one of the resolutions:

Aid for the Middle East

The Diocesan Synod passed a resolution setting the challenge of raising $30,000 from the Diocese to assist the humanitarian work of the Anglican Church in the Middle East: Gaza or Lebanon. The 330 members of synod personally donated or pledged over $4,000 to the fund before they left for home last Sunday. The Bishop of Jerusalem, The Rt Rev'd Riah H. Abu El-Assal, will be in Canberra on Wednesday 27 September and will be giving a lecture at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture that evening. Bishop George intends to assure Bishop Riah that the Diocese will raise this money.

Please support this compassionate work of our Church. These donations are tax deductible and can be made either through your Parish or directly by phone or online to AngliCORD [Anglicans Cooperating in Overseas Relief and Development] and ABM [Anglican Board of Mission - Australia].

For more information or to make a donation go to: www.anglicord.org.au or www.abm.asn.au or call AngliCORD on 1800 249 880 or ABM on 1300 302 663. Please let your Parish Treasurer know that you have made a donation. In this way we can plot our course to reaching our target.

I wholeheartedly commend this endeavour to you all. The target set is very manageable for the diocese as a whole. Whatever way you can help, no matter how small, will go towards the target.
Sometimes the needs of so many people and situations in our world seem overwhelming. I was chatting with a friend last week about the impending climate change crisis amongst other things. She was feeling weighed down and helpless and felt as if it did not matter what she did, nothing would improve. Politicians would not listen if she wrote letters; the small amount of money she could donate to causes would not really change anything and her meagre efforts to reduce the use of her car or shop as ethically as possible would have no impact. She was right of course but if all of us took similar steps then it truly would make a difference and quite quickly. It is not that we cannot change anything. It is as a people as a whole, working together, that we lack the will.

Perhaps the problem is that in the face of so many problems we no longer have hope. Hope is called the quintessential Christian virtue for with hope all other things become possible - forgiveness, love of neighbour, reconciliation, care of the earth, a church community thriving and growing. Without hope there is only despair.
May the Holy Spirit stir up hope within us so we can take the steps, one day at a time that will make the difference.

Peace and Blessings.
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Wheat is available for anyone who could make heat packs/bags.
Garden pots available near back door of church. Jars for jams needed.
Boxes and cans needed for children's activities.
Also if you have not already please collect the latest Fair bulletin from the back of the church.

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FOLLOWED BY

A parish BBQ at the church

THEN

A spring working bee!

2pm - 4pm

Men's Breakfast 8.00 am Saturday 30th of September

Speaker: Rev Barry May

W.A's first full time police chaplain will talk about his experience as an Anglican priest in the force. St. Barnabas' Church Charnwood.

Reading Reflections - on the first and third Sundays of the month. A time has been set aside to look at the day's readings. It is a time to reflect more deeply on the readings, to share with friends and to build faith and community.

(This week, the reflection happened with the late leavers. Wonderful, heady stuff!

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- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open —Charity Mapako & Doreen Odom

SUNDAY 24th September 2006
8.00am & 10.00am Eucharist

Readings:

- Proverbs 31:10-31
- Psalm 1
- James 3:1-12
- Mark 9:14-29

Rosters:
Cleaning: Volunteers please!
Flowers: Val Reeves
8am:
Sidespersons: Ian Rischbieth
Reader: Eloise Wright
10am:
Sidespersons: James Kim, Brian McKinlay & Helen Palethorpe
Readers: 1st Linda Anchell, 2nd Richard Wade
Children's Ministry: Stephen & Rebecca Palethorpe (or Fiona & Ben?)
Morning Tea: Ann Munro

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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10am Eucharist
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Readings:

- Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22
- Psalm 124
- James 5:12-20
- Mark 9:38-50

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes
10am Hymns: TIS 61, 609, 519, 687

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Dear Everyone,

Thank you very much to the Rev'd Doug Bannerman and the Rev'd Linda Anchell for taking the services last week and today.
As I look at the calendar ahead there is a veritable carnival of rallies and events supporting such things as the Make Poverty History Campaign and the finding of a solution to the Climate Crisis. These two things, poverty and climate, are the two most important issues facing our world. I believe the "war on terror" comes in behind these critical matters. The Anglican Communion and the our diocese have a set of 5 mission statements that attempt to summarise the purpose of our life together. The five marks are:

- To proclaim the good news of the kingdom
- To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
- To respond to human needs by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, to sustain and renew the life of the earth

I would like to draw your attention to a series of events coming up that could be ways we could respond to these challenges.

The Micah Challenge Events
Micah Challenge is a global movement of Christians against poverty, in the spirit of Micah 6:8 "…what does the Lord require but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God", in support of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals to halve poverty by 2015.
7 - 8.30pm Sunday October 15

Micah Challenge Worship Service, Canberra Baptist Church, Kingston: worship leader Greg Trainor, Vineyard pastor, Cabramatta preacher Fuzz Kitto, youth worker drama and dance Breakthru Artz

11.45 - 12.45 Monday October 16 STAND UP AGAINST POVERTY, Front Lawn, Parliament House
THE international anti-poverty event of 2006 — help set a Guinness World Record for the most people to stand up against poverty! Featuring Canberra Tongan Choir and "Schmick As" Circus Troupe

6.30pm-8.30pm Monday October 16 Sausage Sizzle & Hypothetical, Canberra Baptist Church, Kingston Expert panel including politicians and journalists discuss poverty reduction measures

12.30pm-1.30pm Tuesday October 17 Official Opening, Create to Advocate Art Exhibition, Parliament House, International Day for the Eradication of Poverty View art created to make poverty history! Exhibition runs from 9 October - 7 November, Public Display Area, 1st Floor, Senate side.

6pm-6.30pm Tuesday October 17 Prayer Vigil, Front Lawn, Parliament House, final event, Voices for Justice 2006.**GET INVOLVED:**

Concerned About Climate Change?
Want to do something positive?
Come and help make the words of a human sign: Clean Energy for Eternity
When: 10.30am Sunday 8th October **Where:** Reconciliation Place, Canberra (Between Questacon and the High Court) Fun carnival atmosphere. Displays, performances and activities for all ages. Great day out for a great cause. Please register on www.cleanenergyforeternity.net

Siev X Memorial
Raising of the Poles
2pm Sunday 15 October 2006
Weston Park, Yarralumla ceremony of remembrance for the parents and children who drowned on the SIEVX refugee vessel in 2001. 353 poles made by schools, churches, and communities across Australia representing each life lost procession, music and ceremony — opening by Chief Minister Jon Stanhope.
Support the effort towards a permanent lakeside memorial at Weston Park, Yarralumla

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PS And please pray!

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The Departed: Coralie Rockwell Sawyer d22/9/91, Robert Ivan Muir Dixon d.29/9/89 John Eadie d.13/06/05
The Saints: Francis of Assisi, friar and preacher (d.1226); William Tyndale, biblical scholar (d.1536)
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Readings:

- Job 1:1, 2:1-10
- Psalm 26
- Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
- Mark 10:2-16

Rosters:
Cleaning: Leighton Mann & Ruth McGorman Mann
Flowers: Philida Sturgiss-Hoy
8am:
Sidespersons: John Cunliffe
Reader: Rhonda Evans
10am:
Sidespersons: Hardy Palethorpe & Leighton Mann
Readers: 1st Denise Manley, 2nd Fiona Dyer
Children's Ministry: *School Holidays*
Morning Tea: Genevieve Hassall & Margaret Woodbridge

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Organist/Pianist: Anne Morris Bannerman
10am Hymns: TIS 474, 431, 654, 560

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Dear Everyone,

It is good to be back in Canberra and into the work at St. Philips. I had an amazingly productive time at the coast and managed to write up almost all my research data from the Philippines trip. Not only that, the beach and bush were just wonderful and after the stress of the last few months their beauty went a long way to refreshing my soul. The life of faith is really a life long journey - where we learn from the circumstances in our lives and through God's grace grow in inner understanding and knowledge. I have a favourite passage from Paul's letter to the Ephesians (3:14-12). In it Paul prays that through the power of the Spirit his readers 'inner selves' it will grow strong and that God, 'planted in love and built on love' will live in their hearts. There are other passages in the New Testament that point to this 'growing' aspect of the Christian journey. We have a vision here at St. Philips that we will be a community that offers a place to grow spiritually: **The vision of St. Philips is to be a caring, Christian community, which honours and embraces difference and offers a place to grow spiritually within the Anglican tradition.**

'Offering a place' is about hospitality and welcome but it is something specific we have in mind — spiritual growth — not only for those who might walk through the doors but also for ourselves. Perhaps most importantly for ourselves! If we are not growing in understanding and knowledge then I think we are less likely to be able to offer a place that facilitates this for anyone else. What I particularly like about the passage from Ephesians is that it is through the power of the Spirit that growth happens, not through our own convoluted and tortuous efforts which is just as well. All we have to do is to pray and be open to God's love and power in our lives. When the small group of people gather together here on a Tuesday evening for Christian meditation that is part of the process of becoming ever more open to God's grace and love. Singing hymns, praising God, listening to the Word of God, listening to each other (!) are all part of the same process.

As part of my study last week I came across articles that used Max Weber's analysis of world religions as a basis for some reflections. One of Weber's arguments is that religions are transformative phenomenons. They are about the transformation of societies and individuals. They are about growth and change. As Christians we choose the path of Christ, we live in Christ, we are renewed in Christ and we proclaim Christ. In a few short weeks we will hopefully be beginning our program of 'offering a place' for others to grow spiritually the 'catechumenate'. (we will have a better name soon!)

Maybe it will be an opportunity for some of us to do some 'spiritual growing' ourselves. It is not only for 'outsiders', brothers and sisters we have not yet encountered, but for those who are signed up members of the church. If you are interested in participating please speak to Sarah Gowty, Linda Anchell, Brian McKinlay or myself. We will also shortly be asking for volunteers to be fellow journeyers, a role that should be wonderfully rewarding. Whatever your intention please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the team leaders and that we will all indeed grow in faith and love.

Today we welcome Brian McKinlay to the pulpit!!! Many thanks Brian!

Peace and Blessings.
Rebecca Newland
P.S. David and I are attending the climate change rally today (see notice board for details).
Come and join us!!

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- Psalm 22:1-15
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Rosters:
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8am:
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Reader: Shane Woodburn
10am:
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Children's Ministry: *???*
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Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes
10am Hymns: TIS 491, 158, 534, 380

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Dear Everyone,

A special welcome to the family and friends of Alyssa Grace Towney! Alyssa will be baptised today and welcomed into the family of Christ. Her parents are Paul and Donna-Maree and she has four godparents — Shane and Laurie Austin and John and Judith Woods.

Baptism is one of the most special celebrations. It is a ritual that is full of meaning and symbolism. The liturgy we use from the prayer book tries to capture some of that depth. In simple terms Baptism is a sign of our one-ness with God and commitment to follow in the path of Jesus and it is a sign of our membership in the universal Christian community. Like the Eucharist, the sharing of consecrated bread and wine, it is a visible sign of God's enduring and steadfast love. What God's love will mean for Alyssa as she takes the great journey of life will be revealed in time. She needs the prayers, nurturing, encouragement, guidance and support of her family and friends — as we all do.

God's love is so profound, so liberating and so amazing. Anyone who has found the "pearl of great price" knows these facts very well. Christians are called to proclaim this good news, the good news of God's love and Kingdom made manifest in Jesus Christ. We do that in all sorts of ways — mostly by our actions of loving service. St. Philips is about to embark on a journey of welcoming others to either join us on this path of loving and being loved by God and of loving others and the whole of creation or of deepening our own understanding of what that means. So today is also the "official" launch of the catechumenate process here at St. Philips. The team and parish council have decided to call the journey "Come and See". St. Philippians will recognise that these are the words Philip said when Nathanael asked him on hearing about Jesus, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"; "Come and see", replied Philip (John 1. 46) . I encourage everybody to read the bits of paper inserted in the bulletin and to also think of anyone who might like to be part of — "Come and See" and to give them the invitation. The "Come & See" team are Brain McKinlay, Sarah Gowty, James Kim, Rev'd Linda Anchell and myself If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to any one of us.

Next Sunday is Creation Sunday. Usually this event is held earlier in the year but was rescheduled for October. Creation Sunday is a day to reflect on our place in this awesome universe and to consider the environment and how we can best care for it.

Finally there is a letter from Rob and Sandy on the noticeboard. They are are due back in Australia towards the end of October. Before coming back to St. Philips Rob has a two month appointment at St. Nicholas' North Goulburn. Their letter fills you in on their last lot of adventures, so have a read.

Peace and Blessings,
Rebecca Newland

From Children…
Dear God,
Are you real? Some people don't believe it.
If you are you better do something quick.
- Harriet Ann

Dear God,
How do you feel about people who don't believe in you?
Somebody else wants to know.
A friend, Neil.

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8.00am & 10.00am Eucharist

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- Job 38:1-7
- Psalm 104:1-10, 26
- Colossians 1:15-20
- Mark 10:35-45

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During Communion: JS Bach Fugue

10am Hymns: TIS 156, 152, 137, 155

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Dear Everyone,

Welcome to this celebration of Creation Sunday! On the opposite page you will find the Psalm and The Confession for today's service. May our celebration open our hearts and minds to the glory of God in creation and to how we can be good and faithful stewards.

Peace and Blessings,
Rebecca Newland

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Psalm:

LEADER: O LORD, our LORD, how majestic is your name in all the Earth! (Ps. 8:1)
PEOPLE: You said, "Let there be light," and there was light (Gn. 1:3).
LEADER: You said, "Let the water be filled with many kinds of living beings, and let the air be filled with birds" (Gn. 1:20).
PEOPLE: You blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters, and let the birds fill the skies" (Gn. 1:22).
LEADER: You make the springs flow in the valleys, and rivers run between the hills. They provide water for the wild animals (Ps. 104:10-11).
PEOPLE: From the sky you send rain on the hills, and the Earth is filled with your blessings (Ps. 104:3). LEADER: LORD, you have made so many things! How wisely you made them all. The Earth is filled with your creatures (Ps. 104:24).
PEOPLE: When you turn away, they are afraid; when you take away your breath, they die and go back to the dust from which they came. But when you give them breath, they are created; you give new life to the Earth (Ps. 104:29-30).
ALL: **O LORD, our LORD, how majestic is your name in all the Earth!**

Confession

Jesus, we come before you as your people. Yet we are often lost and do not reflect your image in us.
We confess:
we are seduced by the lure of greater wealth and the accumulation of stuff;
We confess:
we use and abuse this world.

Help us to find true contentment in your presence and your grace.

We know you are the Creator and called all of creation good.

We confess:
hard hearts in the face of what is happening to your creation.
Fill our hearts with your love for all things.

We confess:
we are sometimes overwhelmed with the disparity between rich and poor and that we do not know how to respond.
Help us to build your kingdom of peace and justice and to cherish and protect this world.

We praise you for your mercy and your power, and ask forgiveness. May we have the strength to repent, to turn around; heal us we pray. In your name. Amen.

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- Job 42:1-6, 10-17
- Psalm 34: 1-8
- Hebrews 7:21-28
- Mark 10:46-52

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Cleaning: Volunteers please!
Flowers: Val Reeves
8am:
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Reader: Clive Lowes
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Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes
Soloist: Alison Knight During Communion: Alison will sing Just a closer walk with thee.
Before the sermon: Rebecca sang The Blind Man sat by the road and he cried (TIS 579; blues chord progression Am Fm Dm E)

10am Hymns: TIS 153, 665, 100, 147

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Dear Everyone,

Welcome to St. Philips!

The twilight fair is only two weeks away! It is shaping up to be a wonderful day and a great opportunity to be together and enjoy all the work that has been done. It is a very important fund raising event for the parish. In preparation we are having a short spring clean and garden tidy up next Saturday morning — If you could spare an hour or two that would be wonderful.

Next week is also our celebration of All Saints/All Souls. Pat and Colin have been preparing Haydn's Little Organ Mass for the service. There is a sheet of paper in the foyer for any names you would like added to the list for remembrance.

Rob called in during the week and sends his love to everyone. He and the family are quite well although exhausted from their last bout of travelling. He and Gareth are heading off to Adelaide to visit his parents while Sandy is making her way to Bathurst to visit her family. Rob will then take up a two-month appointment at North Goulburn before coming back here on January the 12th.

l haven't seen it yet but people tell me that the Christmas decorations and stores etc. are now set up in the major department stores. The season certainly feels as if it is just around the corner. The calendar is getting full with all the end of year activities, deadlines and events.

Amongst all that can I draw your attention to the plight of our rural communities. Bishop George has been saying for some time that the effects of the drought are having devastating consequences for country parishes and communities. He has called for city parishes to "walk beside" a selected rural parish and offer support and encouragement in whatever way they can. I will be discussing this call with the wardens and parish council. In the meantime would you please pray for our rural brothers and sisters and also pray for rain. As one woman from one of our country parishes put it — "we don't need money, money will not solve our crisis, we desperately need rain".

Amongst the many, things on the calendar is the combined churches/interfaith rally on climate change. I will be urging as many

people to attend over the coming weeks. It is a very important issue and it is vital that we present a united front and a spiritual perspective to our leaders and fellow citizens. Please check the notice board for information about other events and invitations.

Finally Dickson's Tradie Club has again very generously donated a significant amount of money for the ongoing support of the Northbourne Community Centre. I have sent a letter of thanks on our behalf.

As I look at the weeks ahead I have decided to take lots of deep breaths, to ask God what he wants me to be doing in the moment and to smell any roses I find along the way!

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FOR LOVE OF THE WORLD
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Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Canberra
10-30am — 12noon 2nd December 2006

Join Michael Leunig, Chair of the Global Carbon Project, and representatives from the major faith traditions at an important action on Climate Change.
For Love of the World will be an event at which those present can journey from acknowledgement of where we are, including acknowledging our pain, sadness, helplessness and fear, to a place of hope which is connected to real committment to action. We will call on the government to take committed action, as well as provide the opportunity for individuals to make their own promises for action.

We warmly invite you to attend, and to invite others to be present at this important event. Inquiries: Sarah Bachelard, 0423 987 105; Linda Chapman, 0402 273 021 Rebecca Newland, 0432 539 948

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- Isaiah 25:6-9
- Psalm 24: 1-8
- Revelations 21:1-6a
- John 11:32-44

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Sunday 5th November 2006
TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8am Eucharist
10am Eucharist
The service begins on page 119 of the Green Prayer book

Readings:

- Isaiah 25:6-9
- Psalm 24: 1-8
- Revelations 21:1-6a
- John 11:32-44

10am Hymns: TIS 93, 470, 454, 456
Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes

Soloist: Alison Knight
Double Bass: Holly Downes
Choir: Assorted wonderful singers

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Dear Everyone,

Welcome to St. Philips!

This piece of writing is full of gratitude!

First of all a very big thank you to the Rev'd Jill Crawford who very graciously agreed to preside at today's services in my place. I am unwell and have developed coughing fits to go with my cold/flu! Jill is a much better option! Jill is wonderful priest who works with Karios Outside and Chrysallis. She also works as a part-time chaplain at Radford College.

On top of all that she has many years experience as a teacher. I know you will make her feel welcome. Another big thankyou to Brian McKinlay who very kindly accepted my invitation to preach today at the last minute. It is a great blessing to have such capable and good friends to call upon. Also thank you to our singers and musicians for today's effort. It is absolutely wonderful to have such gifted people to offer their skills and abilities and how fantastic to have the liturgy done in this way.' And finally another big thankyou to the people that came to help with a pre-fete spring clean on Saturday. The place is looking wonderful.

As I mentioned last week Rob, Sandy and Gareth are back in Australia. Rob asked me to include the following in today's bulletin

> "The Lamertons are back in Australia but not in Canberra! We visited Canberra briefly to pick up and put down a few things and have gone to see family in Adelaide and Bathurst before I do a brief locum in Goulburn. It seemed right to continue Rebecca's tenure and Dennis and Mike Hogan's tenancy in the rectory - so this arrangement allows for stability all round! We have discovered in our time away just how much we love and value our St Philip's family and we look forward to beginning a new phase of ministry with you in January! In the

meantime I know you will value Rebecca's ministry and I hope you will discover how wonderful Dennis and Mike are. I will be back and forth from Goulburn to collect books etc. so please expect to see me from time to time! With our prayers and love! Rob Lamerton"

So as you can see all is well and before too long our intrepid rector will be back at the helm.

Which brings me to announcing my latest news. In early February I will be taking up an appointment as rector of St. Alban the Martyr, Woden. David and l plan to have a holiday between the end of our time at St. Philips, which is the 12th of January, and beginning at St. Albans. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you celebrate All Saints/All Souls.

Peace and Blessings.

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Those who mourn:
The Departed: Ted Moore (d.31/10/03), Frances Joyce Trivett (d. 3/11/88), Keith Ashish Huey Sen (d 4/11/86)
The Saints: Saints, martyrs, missionaries & teachers of the Anglican Communion; Leo of Rome, bishop and teacher (d.461); Martin, bishop of Tours (d.387)
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SUNDAY 12th November 2006
8.00am & 10.00am Eucharist

Readings:

- Ruth 3:1-5, 4:3-17
- Psalm 127
- Hebrews 9:22-28
- Mark 12:38-44

Rosters:
Cleaning: Janine & Stephen Billett
Flowers: Philida Sturgiss-Hoy
8am:
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Readings:

- 1Kings 17:8-16
- Psalm 127
- Hebrews 9:22-28
- Mark 12:38-44

10am Hymns: TIS 129, 609, 686, 548

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes
Soloist: Linda Anchell singing "Awake, Awake to Love and Work"

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Dear Everyone,

Welcome to St. Philips! The fete was a wonderful success. **Thank you everyone!** The following is a beautiful poem about the provision of the earth and God's blessings in our lives. It is a beautiful story of giving.

Peace and Blessings.

Rebecca Newland

THE GIVING TREE by Shel Silverstein

Once there was a giving tree who loved a little boy.
And everyday the boy would come to play
Swinging from the branches, sleeping in the shade
Laughing all the summer's hours away.
And so they love,
Oh, the tree was as happy.
Oh. the tree was glad

But soon the boy grew older and one day he came and said,
"Can you give me some money, tree, to buy something I've found?"
"I have no money," said the tree, "Just apples, twigs and leaves."
"But You can take my apples, boy, and sell them in the town."
And so he did and
Oh, the tree was happy.
Oh, the tree was glad. But soon again the boy came back and he said to the tree,"
"I'm now a man and I must have a house that's all my home.
"I can't give you a house" he said, 'The forest is my house."
"But you may cut my branches off and build yourself a home"
And so he did.
Oh, the tree was happy.
Oh, the tree was glad.

And time went by and the boy came back with sadness in his eyes.
"My life has turned so cold", he says, "and I need sunny days."
"I've nothing but my trunk", he says, "But you can cut it down"
And build yourself a boat and sail away.

And so he did and
Oh, the tree was happy.
Oh, the tree was glad.

And after years the boy came back both of them were old.
"I really cannot help you if you ask for another gift."
"I'm nothing but an old stump now. I'm sorry but I've nothing more to give
"I do not need very much now, just a quiet place to rest,"
The boy, he whispered, with a weary smile.
"Well", said the tree, "An old stump is still good for that."
"Come, boy", he said, "Sit down, sit down and rest a while."
And so he did and
Oh, the trees was happy.
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SUNDAY 19th November 2006
8.00am & 10.00am Eucharist

Readings:

- 1Samuel 1:4-20
- Song of Hannah (page 429)
- Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25
- Mark 13:1-11

Rosters:
Cleaning: Shane & Tim Woodburn
Flowers: Colleen Rischbieth
8am:
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Awake, awake to love and work:

words are by Gerard Studdert Kennedy; World War One chaplain,
London priest and poet,
known as "Woodbine Willy" to the troops.
music: "Morning Song" American folk melody, arranged George Mims

Awake, awake to love and work! The lark is in the sky,
The fields are wet with diamond dew, the worlds awake to cry
their blessings on the lord of life, as he goes meekly by.

Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with a shout of praise
see how the giant sun rolls up, great lord of years and days!
and let the love of Jesus come, and set thy soul ablaze.

To give, and give, and give again, What God has given thee.
To spend thy self nor count the cost, to serve right gloriously,
the God who gave all worlds that are and all that are to be.

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Readings:

- Daniel 12:1-3
- Psalm 16
- Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25
- Mark 13:1-11

10am Hymns: TIS 433, 546, 650, 153
Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes
Soloist: Madeleine Rowland "Come Unto Him" from Handel's Messiah

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Dear Everyone,

Welcome to St. Philips!
In last week's sermon I defined stewardship as "what I do, with all that I have, after I say believe" and using the gifts God has given us to do the work God is calling us to do. I wonder what are your particular gifts? Many of us are not very good at naming our gifts and talents. In the good old days we were encouraged not to talk about how 'good' we were at anything. In Australia there is a tendency to 'cut down' those who rise above a certain level, particularly if they speak of it too much, the so called tall poppy syndrome. However we all have gifts and talents to express and offer. Some of our talents we have worked hard to develop. Some of what we have is pure chance and great genetics. As followers of Christ we also have available the gifts of the Holy Spirit that are beyond our efforts or luck. In the bible there are a couple of lists of Spirits gifts that include such things as peace, faith, service, giving, leadership, wisdom and maturity. Where ever our gifts come from, God calls on us to use them in the service of the Kingdom.

One of our challenges is to discern what they are. Sitting down with a pen and paper is a good place to start. Asking for feedback from those who know us is also good and the next time someone compliments you on something you have done don't brush it away — say thank you and then think what gift has enabled you to achieve that result.

The idea of having gifts is also related to our self-esteem; what we think of ourselves. If you are anything like me you have a voice in your head that undermines your positive feelings and thoughts about yourself. Voices like this can be absolutely crippling and act like a dark cloud in the soul. Our minds are constantly full of a multitude of thoughts, both positive and negative. It is worth always keeping in mind that they are just thoughts and only have power if we let either dominate. We can try and focus on the good but another way is go to that place in the heart where we know we are loved and at one with our loving God. Scripture tells us that God has a deep and positive regard for each one of us made all the more remarkable because God knows us like no other, even ourselves. A meditation like this can de-claw and de-tooth any negative self perception.

A word probably needs to be said about the Christian notion of sin

and forgiveness. Whatever our thoughts, our self-esteem, our gifts or talents we "miss the mark" which is the original meaning of the Greek word for sin. It is like aiming for a bull's eye and hitting the tree 20 metres to the left. We "miss the mark" for all sorts of reasons —pride, lack of focus giving up due to despair — are just some of them. "missing the mark" does not change us from being creatures essentially loved by God. Indeed it is in our frailty and imperfection that we are most loved. And forgiveness is ours for the asking. It is the forgiveness we give and receive to others and we receive from God that balances out the spiritual ledger and puts us back onto the starting block — time and time again. God is gracious and merciful a reality that calls us to be the same. So discover your gifts, confident that you have what it takes to serve God and others. It can change the world — or the very least your self-perception, the best place to start.

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SUNDAY 26th November 2006
8.00am & 10.00am Eucharist

Readings:

- 2Samuel 23:1-7
- Psalm 132:1-12
- Revelations 1:4b-8
- John 18:33-37

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CHRIST THE KING

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10am Eucharist
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Readings:

- 2Samuel 23:1-7
- Psalm 132:1-12
- Revelations 1:4b-8
- John 18:33-37

10am Hymns: TIS 227, 497, 554, 351

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes
Soloist: Pat Forbes "I Will Sing New Songs" Anton Dvorak

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Dear Everyone, Welcome to St. Philips!

The church year ends on this day, with the festival of Christ the King. Ending a year on today, reminds us that the church year is different from the calendar year, the academic year and the budget year. Unlike most minor nor and major church festivals, the festival of Christ the King is a relatively new celebration, as it was first introduced in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. At that time he saw the rise of atheistic communism and secularism as a direct result of man's turning away from Christ's sovereignty. It was not until 1969 that it was designated the festival for the last Sunday, of the church year. Other denominations, including our own Anglican Communion, must have decided such a festival was a good idea because here we have it in our liturgical calendar! It is a wonderful feast on which to end the church year and to begin to prepare us for Advent.

Talking about Kings seems incongruous in our culture where we have moved well beyond having sovereigns above us to whom we give our allegiance. Although most of us have affection and respect for Queen Elizabeth, we are not too sure about her children. Our leaders are now elected and we hopefully hold them to account for their actions. In our society we take great pride in being independent, free to make our own decisions and sceptical of any authority - and rightly so. However, to say Christ is king implies that we are subjects. But this is no ordinary king. The heart of this relationship is our dependence on a ruler who was born in a stable and was crucified on cross, yet rose to live and forgive.

The Kingdom of Christ is fellowship, a way of life, where the 'blind see, the lame walk and the prisoners are freed'. We are people who have come to believe that our true freedom depends on being subject to Christ. We do not choose this ruler as we elect a prime minister, hire a CEO or change doctors. We are Christ's people — we share the same Eucharistic foods, we share the same story of faith, we stake our lives on the same hopes. Here at the end of the church year, after living through another cycle of hearing the story of Jesus' life, of being taught by him in miracle and parable, we come to the coda of this hymn of praise.

After another year of living our lives, burying our dead. baptizing our

babies, marrying and divorcing, struggling and thriving, we bring all of the year's experiences to the climax of this day. We lay it all back at the feet of the one enthroned on the cross, giving thanks.

As you have no doubt noticed this bulletin is much bigger than usual. There were just so many notices and events to advertise!

Peace and Blessings,

Rebecca Newland

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Offerings received 19th November: $873.70 + EFT $400=$1273.70 **Shortfall** $221.30

Notices

Today is NCLS day!

Approximately five years ago, St Philip's participated in the 2001 National Church Life Survey, a joint project of the Uniting Board of Mission (NSW), ANGLICARE Diocese of Sydney, and the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference. The results from the survey are used for a wide range of planning needs. The results of each parish were made available to that parish and the leadership of St Philip's has found them very useful. Parish Council agreed to run the survey this time round again. Due to unforeseen circumstances (not mine or the parish!) the survey was postponed until the last Sunday of the Church's year, Sunday the 26th of November. Please help us by filling in the survey form! Rebecca

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ADVENT DINNER

Come and join the St Philip's family for an Advent Dinner
And be entertained by the Jazz Group "In the Mood"
When? — Friday 1st December 7.00pm
Where? — St Philip's Courtyard under the Angel lights
Bring? — A cold salad or a dessert, wine and cheer
RSVP — to the sign up form at the back of the church or Ann Munro

FOR LOVE OF THE WORLD
Inter-faith Action on Climate Change
Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Canberra
10-30am — 12noon 2nd December 2006

Join Michael Leunig, Chair of the Global Carbon Project, and representatives from the major faith traditions at an important action on Climate Change.
For Love of the World will be an event at which those present can journey from acknowledgement of where we are, including acknowledging our pain, sadness, helplessness and fear, to a place of hope which is connected to real committment to action. We will call on the government to take committed action, as well as provide the opportunity for individuals to make their own promises for action. We warmly invite you to attend, and to invite others to be present at this important event. Inquiries: Sarah Bachelard, 0423 987 105; Linda Chapman, 0402 273 021 Rebecca Newland, 0432 539 948

ABM Calendars
Calendars are avaialbe to order. $7.50 each, or if we have ten orders or more the cost is $6.00.
Please support this fund raising effort. There is a sign up form at the back of the church.
Hurry! Last week to order!

ONE WORLD CONCERT
Aboriginal Australia:— Phil Brown Didjeridoo, Country Blues, — Blues Cowgirls;
Christianity:— Sudanese performers; Buddhism: — Helen Rivera, Tibetan Buddhist chants;
Hinduism: — Kannan Krishnan — Carnactic songs and recitation of poems by Sufi poet, Rumi
Saturday 2nd December 7pm
Delicious Malaysian and African meals 5.45-6.45pm
Dickson College Hall Cnr Antill Strs and Phillip Ave, Dickson.
Bookings: commonground@tpg.com.au

WORLD AIDS DAY MULTIFAITH PRAYER SERVICE
A multi-faith prayer service will be held on Friday 1st December at 5.30pm at Aspen Island (near the Carillon) to mark World AIDS Day. Organised by the Aids Action Council and All Saint's Ainslie, the service will provide a time of remembrance and prayer for those throughout the world whose lives have been affected by HIV/AIDS. All are welcome to come and be part of this multi-faith occasion. More information is available from Sarah MacNeil, Rector of All

Saint's Ainslie on 6248 7420

KANKINYA NURSING HOME FETE
Saturday 2nd December, 10am to 12 noon. Front Gardens, Archibald Street. Stalls include Christmas Cakes and Plants. Come along!

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An invitation to a journey:
Come and See

In our modern world there is a deep hunger for spiritual depth and connections. If you would like to part of a process that is designed to deepen your faith and your relationships then consider being part of the "Come and See" journey. "Come and See" is time spent with a spiritual friend and fellow travellers exploring what it means to be a Christian. It is not about telling you what to believe but asking questions together and exploring answers. In "Come and See" we take part in worship, learning, spiritual guidance, and nurture. It is for anyone interested, including those who have been part of church life for many years.

For more information on session dates and times, an information brochure, or to make enquiries, please contact either Brian on 6161 6352 (ah) or Rebecca on 6161 7334

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SUNDAY 26th November 2006
8.00am & 10.00am Eucharist

Readings:

- Jeremiah 33:14-16
- Psalm 25:1-10
- 1Thessalonians 3:9-13
- Luke 21:25-38

Rosters:
Cleaning: Leighton, Ruth & Zara
Flowers: Val Reeves
8am:
Sidespersons: John Girdlestone
Reader: Devin Combs Bowles
10am:
Sidespersons: Chris Cheah & Roger Sharp
Readers: 1st Beryl Holder, 2nd Joyce Webster
Children's Ministry: Rebecca & Stephen Palethorpe
Morning Tea: Volunteers Please.

Pandora's income from 3rd & 17th & 18th November: $250.50 (Reserved for future development of the Parish & Pandora's)

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ADVENT SUNDAY

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Readings:

- Jeremiah 33:14-16
- Psalm 25:1-10
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10am Hymns: TIS 283, 272, 265, 268
Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes
Soloist: Brian McKinlay

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Dear Everyone, Welcome to St. Philips!

Happy New Year!! It is the season of Advent, the time to get ready for the coming Jesus Christ. Over the next 4 Sundays we will be focussing on the four traditional themes of — Hope , Peace, Joy and Love. Not only that but each Sunday will be a different preacher. Peace and Brian McKinlay go together, Joy and Chris Cheah are a match and love and Linda Anchell are paired up for the day before Christmas and I have hope! l am sure we will all be blessed by our preachers' words.
Thankyou to everyone for a wonderful Advent dinner on Friday night especially the singers "In the Mood" — fantastic!

"Advent" comes from the Latin word adventus, which means "visit" or "coming" or "arrival. " The season of Advent is a time to get ready for the two "visits" of Christ: His first coming through the Incarnation, and His second coming as the reigning Lord.

Advent is a season of hope, and who doesn't need hope today? Yet the hope of Advent isn't like other kinds of hope. We can hope that the economy will be strong, that terrorists won't injure us, and that the avian flu won't kill us. But, honestly, we can't be sure of any of these things. Advent hope is not wishful thinking. On the one hand, when we remember the hope of lsrael, we know that God has fulfilled that hope in the birth of Jesus the Messiah. On the other hand, we look forward to the time when Christ will return and complete the task of restoring creation. We embrace this hope with the confidence of faith.

Advent hope empowers us to live today with greater gusto. We seek to love, knowing that Love will one day be victorious over hate. We see justice, knowing that the Just Judge will one day make all things right. In the third verse of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" one of the few well known Advent hymns we sing of this hope with faithful assurance:

O come, O dayspring come and cheer
Our spirits by your advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you O Israel

Peace and Blessings

Rebecca Newland

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(ABM Weekly Pew Reflections 2006)
Be watchful and alert, always prayerful. How can we sustain a balanced life in mission, being awake and alive in God's love and open for surprise? The fulfillment of God's purpose is always more than we can imagine! When more and more people depend on antidepressants, as Christians can we keep our heads up, confident, attentive, thoughtful, faithful, strengthened in right living, abounding in love?
Pray that we may be watchful and alert, yet still remain open to the surprises God gives us in our lives.
Pray for the people, clergy, bishops and ministries of the Anglican Church in Korea

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The Saints: Nicholas Ferrar, deacon, man of prayer (d.1637); Nicholas of Myra, bishop and philanthropist (d.c.342); Ambrose of Milan, bishop and teacher (d.397); Richard Baxter, pastor and spiritual writer (d.1691)
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SUNDAY 10th December 2006
8.00am & 10.00am Eucharist

Readings:

- Malachi 3: 1-14
- Song of Zechariah — page 10
- Philippians 1:1-11
- Luke 3: 1-6

Rosters:
Cleaning: Doreen Odom & Elizabeth Sillano
Flowers: Jeanette

8am:
Sidespersons: John Cunliffe
Reader: Elizabeth Allinson

10am:
Sidespersons: Leighton & Hardy
Readers: 1st Sarah Gowty, 2nd Fiona Dyer
Children's Ministry: Fiona & Ben Dyer
Morning Tea: Genevieve Hassall & Margaret Woodbridge

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8am Eucharist
10am Eucharist
The service begins on page 119 of the Green Prayer book

Readings:

- Malachi 3: 1-14
- Song of Zechariah — page 10
- Philippians 1:1-11
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10am Hymns: TIS 398, 270, 607, 122
Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes
Soloist: Linda Anchell
"Veni, veni, Emmanuel" (O come, O come, Emmanuel)

Food for food parcels may be placed in the basket! With thanks!

Dear Everyone, Welcome to St. Philips!

Firstly a special welcome to Brian McKinlay who is our preacher for this second Sunday of Advent. Our theme today is peace. I don't I know about you but as I walk through the shopping malls and look at my bulging diary I do not see many signs of peace in this season of good cheer. I was disturbed, but not surprised, to hear on the radio that there is such a thing as "check-out rage". Similar to "road rage" but caused by slow check out operators and customers, not slow drivers. Of course any type of rage is not "caused" by some other poor human being. It derives from how we react to the world around us. I think this is one reason Jesus talked so strongly about the fact that it was what was in our heart that caused us to 'sin'. If to sin is to miss the mark, then impatience, stress, resentment, tiredness, glitz, glitter and sensory overload of all types, will surely put our aim off. Petrach of the 15th century wrote *"Five enemies of peace inhabit with us — avarice, ambition, envy, anger, and pride; if these were to be banished, we should infallibly enjoy perpetual peace."*

I am not sure what the answer is in our time of overt materialism but I do think we need to be much more conscious about our actions, breath more and decide to not get caught up in the maelstrom. Saying "no" to yet one more party or the urge to buy yet one more "special" Christmas thing might be a couple of options. Perhaps I sound like a killjoy. I hope I don't, as this truly is a time of hope, peace, joy and love. However, we feel hope, joy and love when our being is peaceful — and we must work at peace. It is not just the absence of aggression and violence. It is a state of heart and mind, an inner sense of calm. A peaceful heart is one that is free from worry and trouble. It is learning to live in the present. Martin Luther King famously said *"Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal."* My hope and pray for us all is that as followers of the Prince of Peace we will live peace in each moment of our day. Our partners, our children, our friends our church community, our work mates and ourselves will surely benefit.

This afternoon, at 2:30 pm, little Ruby Mitchell is being baptized at St. Philips. If you are able, come along and welcome Ruby into our family Also there is a sign up sheet at the back of the church to do a reading at the carol service and Christmas services …take your pick!

Peace and Blessings

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Notices

(ABM Weekly Pew Reflections 2006) Paradoxically there is delight in judgement. The judgement of a God whose mission is justice for the oppressed. There is judgement for those who withhold in giving of themselves. Being a fruitful messenger of hope in an unjust world flows from wholehearted giving and receiving. Our journey with God is one of reciprocal process — "return to me and I will return to you…" (ABM Weekly Pew Reflections 2006)
Pray that each of us may be fruitful messengers of the Gospel
Pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, its bishops, clergy and people.

Jerusalem & Middle East Appeal

At this year's Synod a motion was passed affirming the diocese's support for the bishops, priests and people of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. So this was more than just sentiment, it was agreed to raise $30,000 for the church there. To reach that target each church in our diocese would have to raise at least $500. Parish Council has sent $500 to the ABM Gaza Hospital appeal as our contribution. To balance our budget we will be running a retiring collection throughout December. Please help us support this extraordinarily worthwhile appeal. The basket will be at the back of the church.

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- TONIGHT last performance (10th Dec) CAMRA

presents Handel's "Messiah"

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  Followed by supper in the courtyard. Please bring a plate of food to share.

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The Departed: Peter Blaseotto d.10/12/03; & Joseph Horace Heaton

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- Song of Isaiah - page 391
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THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8am Eucharist
10am Eucharist
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Readings:

- Zephaniah 3:14-20
- Song of Isaiah - page 391
- Philippians 4:4-7
- Luke 3:7-18

10am Hymns: TIS 61, 263, 552, 266
Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes
Soloist: Alison Knight
"My Lord, What a Morning"

"Sing Ye a Joyful Song" — Dvorak

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Dear Everyone,

Welcome to St. Philips!

Firstly, a special welcome to Chris Cheah who is our preacher for this third Sunday of Advent. Our theme today is Joy! Joy is of course one of the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit mentioned in Galatians 5. The others are love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. For me joy conjures up visions of jumping up and down when something wonderful has happened or the feeling you get when you hear the Hallelujah chorus from the Messiah! It can also be that deep feeling of happiness that moves you to tears. However in the New Testament joy is more than a feeling. It is both an attitude of mind and an action built on faith and trust in God. It is something we can have in our lives through the grace of God.

There's plenty of reason in the world in which we live to be sad, distressed disturbed, upset, concerned, anxious stressed out, full of fear, doubt… but not for the Christian. We are commanded to rejoice always. And that's not an isolated command… seventeen times in Paul's letter to the Philippians alone he talks about joy. Just a few of those come to mind. In Philippians chapter 2, Paul says things like "Even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all and you too rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me," no matter what's going on. Even if I am a prisoner and even if I might lose my life and wind up being a sacrifice to get the gospel to you, I rejoice, I share my joy with you, I expect you to rejoice and share your joy with me. In chapter 4 verse 4, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say rejoice." The actual Greek tense is present which basically means we are meant to rejoice in every moment of every day.

How can we possibly rejoice always? It sounds unrealistic and very pie in the sky. However this joy is built on faith and trust, in the knowledge that in Jesus Christ we have the surest ground for joy.

Part of Jesus' message was that we were not to worry or stress or despair but to rest in the love of God. In Advent our joy is part of the certainty we have that Christ has come, is present and will come again. Joy also comes when we align ourselves with God and God's ways and love as Christ loves.

The St. Philip's "Friendly Ladies" have been doing their bit to spread some Advent joy with the donation of a Christmas hamper and presents to those in need. Thank-you to the ladies for their generosity.

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(ABM Weekly Pew Reflections 2006)
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Pray that we may be generous of heart.
Give thanks for the Anglican Health Service in PNG

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SUNDAY 10th December 2006
8.00am & 10.00am Eucharist

Readings:

- Micah 5:2-5
- Song of Mary - page 31
- Hebrews 10:5-10
- Luke 1:39-45

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Cleaning: Rhonda Evans & Barbara Dowley
Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins
8am:
Sidespersons: Ian Rischbieth
Reader: Shane Woodburn
10am:
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Readers: 1st Brian McKinlay, 2nd Stephen Billett
Children's Ministry: *school holidays*
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10am Hymns: TIS 310, 317, 614, 161
Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes
Soloist: Denise Manley

"Magnificat"
"Blessed Mary Wanders Through the Thorn"

Food for food parcels may be placed in the basket! With thanks!

Dear Everyone,

Welcome to St. Philips!

Firstly a special welcome to Linda Anchell who is our preacher for this fourth Sunday of Advent. Our theme today is "Love" and what a wonderful theme! John writes in his first epistle, "God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them" (1John 4:16b). The translation from the Message version is, "God is love. When we take up permanent residence in a life of love, we live in God and God lives in us."

How we actually do that is of course another matter! However so much of what we think about God is largely unconscious and like it or not it will influence our feelings and actions. If we deep down believe God is like a hard to please parent ready to pounce on our every mistake, then guess what? We will be insecure, fearful and have no confidence in our faith. If we think deep down God is largely irrelevant and has no real power in the world then we will naturally dismiss his call in our lives and neglect to spend time cultivating our relationship with God. It has been said that what we believe about God is the single most important aspect of our faith What ever belief we have, it determines everything else.

Therefore, the simple statement, "God is love", has the potential to be truly transforming. Of course as they teach you in theology 101, all statements and beliefs about God can only approximate God's divine mystery. Love is itself a mystery. Who can really fathom its depths and its power? Of course if you are a biological determinist you would probably come up with something to do with 'selfish genes'. However, as a universal explanation for everything, that leaves me somewhat cold and dissatisfied. It might be logical in its own framework but next to useless as I experience the transforming power of love in my life… and it has been utterly transforming.

One spiritual practice one of my spiritual directors once recommended was to think/meditate on one scripture verse for a week. In the shower, in the car, lying in bed, chopping the vegetables and weeding the garden. What better thing to ponder this Christmas season! "God is love" — let it sink down into the depths of your being and let it flow out to the world around you. Be liberated by love.

Between Christmas and New Year the Wednesday Eucharist will not be conducted and for Tuesday Meditation has now finished.

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Food at St Philip's (Messiah Suppers)

Thanks to those who came and served and cleaned up. Thanks to Betty for the fruit mince tarts. Total takings were $796.85. After purchasing some equipment (coffee machines, thermal jugs, floodlight stand) and

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8.00am & 10.00am Eucharist

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- 1Samuel 2:18-20, 26
- Psalm 148
- Colossians 3:12-17
- Luke 2:41-52

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8am:
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10am Eucharist
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- Isaiah 60:1-6
- Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
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